

SEED DISTRIBUTION

Texas Farmers Draw the Line at Pumpkin Seeds.

CONGRESSMEN GATHERING

Great Political Issues Being Prepared for Discussion and Various National Issues Are Being Prepared for Congressional Action.

Special Correspondence. WASHINGTON, D. C., November 29.—

When the question of continuing the Congressional distribution of prize penny packages of pumpkin seeds was before Congress last session, the bulk of the votes in its favor came from the South. From the action of the South Texas Fruit and Truck Growers Association, however, it appears that the farmers of the South are not anxious to continue receiving these seeds, but would rather have the money devoted to other purposes of real benefit to agriculture. At a recent meeting of the Association strong anti free-seed resolutions were adopted. Among other things the resolutions say that the seeds received from the members of Congress "are usually the varieties known to be unsuited to the soil and climate of South Texas and hence are worthless to us. These seeds are sent to us by our Representatives in Congress under the mistaken idea that a favor is being conferred, which mistaken idea we hereby wish to correct. The amount of money spent annually for seed distribution, if apportioned among the United States Experiment Stations would be a thousand times more beneficial to each of us than as now spent." It was therefore resolved that the Association should thank the Texas Representatives in Congress for past favors in the way of free seeds, but assure them that these favors were mistaken kindnesses on their part; that they condemn the practice of free distribution of garden seeds; and that "in the future we will not accept from the government free garden seeds; and that we urge our Representatives as a favor which we will heartily appreciate to vote against the bill appropriating funds for the distributing of free garden seeds and to use their influence to have the amount thus saved appropriated to the experiment stations of the country." The resolutions are signed by the President, W. H. Travis, Palacios; Vice President, S. A. McHenry, Santa Maria, and Secretary C. A. Walton, Victoria, Texas. The South Texas Fruit and Truck Growers Association consists of affiliated local Associations throughout South Texas and the Gulf Coast country, comprising a membership of more than 1,300.

It is announced that Italy will be represented on the Board of Directors of the new United Wireless Telegraph Company, which purposes to consoli-

date the leading wireless systems of the United States and England, by Don Giovanni dei Principi del Drago, of Rome. Prince Drago is an Italian nobleman of means and scientific attainments. As a countryman of Marconi he has long been interested in wireless telegraphy in which Marconi made a world-wide reputation. For some time past Prince Drago has been visiting in this country, making his headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria. On the arrival in America of his mother they will proceed to Washington where they will be the guests of Baron Edmondo Mayor des Planches, the Italian Ambassador for the season. Prince Drago and his mother will spend some time in visiting the leading cities of the country. Speaking of wireless telegraphy the Prince recently said: "I am very glad to be associated with an enterprise that has such a promising future in a field where my countryman, M. Marconi, has made such a distinguished record. It is a marvelous invention the possibilities of which we yet know but little."

It is doubtful if any recent speech by any public man has attracted such close attention as that made by Secretary Root at the Trans-Mississippi Commerce Convention. It was a clear, terse, strong presentation of the necessity for a greater field for American surplus products, and what is necessary to obtain and hold that field. America stands in a new position to the world to-day than it has ever occupied before. As Mr. Root put it: "We have paid our debts to Europe and have become a creditor instead of a debtor nation; we have faced about we have left the ranks of the borrowing nations and have entered the ranks of the investing nations." In other words we are not only a "world-power" in the extent of our territory, the strength of our navy, and our influence in diplomacy, but we are a world-power in finance, in commerce. All these things devolve new duties upon our government power, open up new avenues for our enterprise and energies.

To command the trade of the world it is as necessary that we should have a great merchant marine, as to have a great armored navy. In only one thing are we now dependent on foreign nations—the transportation of our great surplus to the waiting markets of the world, and we annually pay millions in tribute to England and Germany in the way of freights. In this respect we are humiliated before all the world.

Washington has no great manufacturing industries, no great transportation interests, no wide extended commerce, to occupy the public mind, so we have to be content with politics and society. It is the absence of all other interests that makes Washington a sort of political and social center, from whence the country takes its political pabulum and its social ethics. If we couldn't talk politics, if we were deprived of imagining that all political wisdom emanated from here, if our vanity was punctured and we were told that the social world did not center around the White House, and the wives of the President and his cabinet were not in reality the social leaders of the country, like Otello, we would find our occupation gone.

Congressmen are coming, and the newspaper correspondents who have

been away attending to their arduous duties of guiding the public mind aright are flocking back preparatory to beginning once more the ordinary grind of keeping the world informed as to what Congress and the Administration are intending to do. All these come fresh from the warm but bloodless political battle that has been fought out in the several States, and each can tell just what happened, how it happened, and why it happened, and once more the political mill will begin its grind; Presidential booms will be started on their way; rumors of cabinet changes again become rife; the Congressional Record will resume its work of embalming Congressional oratory, and the circumambient air will be perfumed by Uncle Joe Cannon's cigar.

The Panama canal will be dug from the luxurious parlors occupied by the Isthmian Commission. Joseph Bishop will continue to draw his salary of ten thousand a year for being nothing but the President's friend; the G. P. O., short for government printing office, will continue to be a trouble and worry for the man at the head of it, the men and women on the inside and Congress on the outside; Cuba and the anomalous conditions existing there; the tariff with the Philippines; the peremptory dismissal of the negro troupes, the contentions of organized labor, and many other kindred subjects will be aired daily, weekly, or occasionally, just as they happen to strike the mind of the correspondent. The members of Congress who failed of a re-election or failed in getting a nomination for a re-election, will, during the winter, either decide on what office they will want from the hands of the administration side, or of how they can so arrange their batteries that in 1908 they will be able to down the man who put them in hock in 1906. So, taken as a whole, the winter is likely to be a very busy season. It must be remembered that here party politics must first be served, and if any time is left over, then the country at large may be served. Perhaps this statement is a little out of the true line. Let us put it this way: 1. Personal success; 2. Party success; 3. Country at large.

Socially as well as politically the season promises to be very brilliant. The President will give his usual

dinner, his public receptions; the members of the cabinet will follow with a series of dinner parties, and the wealthy citizens will vie with the cabinet and even with the chief executive in the elaborateness of the functions they will give. A number of high dignitaries from Europe are expected to be in the city at least a part of the season, and they will add to the brilliancy of society events.

It is said that Senator Beyeridge is not satisfied with the meat inspection situation. It will be remembered that it was the Indiana senator who threw the whole country into a whirlpool of excitement by introducing his amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, providing for an inspection of all meats intended for interstate commerce. His amendment attempted to force the expense of the inspection on the packers. In this he was defeated, and it is said he will try at the coming session to so change the law that the packers and not the government will be required to pay the inspectors. The attempt will meet with opposition from the packers, and it is highly probable an interesting fight will be precipitated, just where the administration does not want a fight.

Made Happy for Life.

Great happiness came into the home of S. C. Blair, school superintendent, at St. Alban's, West Virginia, when his little daughter was restored from the dreadful complaint he names. He says: "My little daughter had St. Vitus' Dance, which yielded to no treatment, but grew steadily worse until as a last resort we tried Electric Bitters; and I rejoice to say, three bottles effected a complete cure." Quick, sure cure for nervous complaints, general debility, female weaknesses, impoverished blood and malaria. Guaranteed by Chas. Rogers' drug store. Price 50c.

"A dangerous surgical operation, involving the removal of a malignant ulcer, as large as my hand, from my daughter's hip, was prevented by the application of Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says A. C. Stickel, of Miletus, W. Va. "Persistent use of the Salve completely cured it." Cures Cuts, Burns, and Injuries. 25c at Chas. Rogers' druggist.

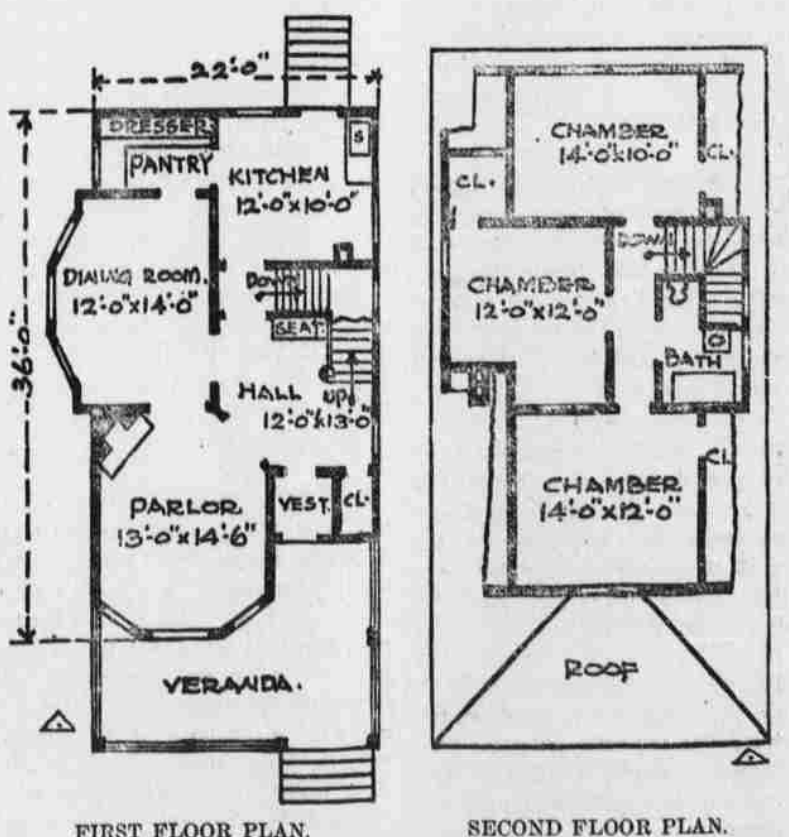
Cozy Colonial Frame Cottage

An Attractive Home Erected at the Low Price of \$1,500 in Illinois.

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PERSPECTIVE VIEW.



This cozy colonial frame cottage cost \$1,500 to build in Illinois. It has a clapboard exterior and shingled roof. The first floor contains a large parlor with open fireplace and angled openings leading to reception hall and dining room. The dining room has a bay window. The second floor contains three bedrooms and bathroom, conveniently arranged. The interior finish of the first story, except in kitchen and pantry, is of oak. The remainder of the first floor and the entire second story are of Georgia pine.

HENRY WITTEKIND.

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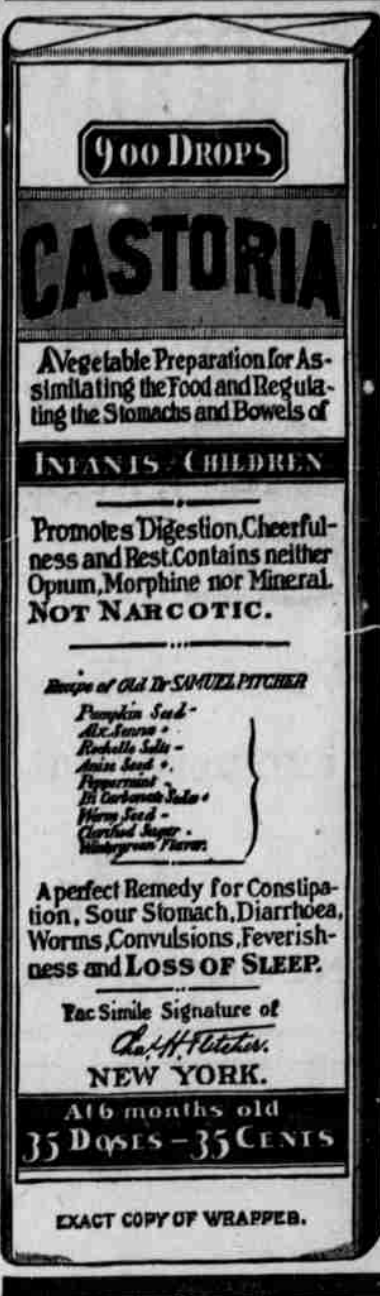
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NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT special assessment roll number 139, made for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of improving Kensington avenue from a point ten feet east of the center line of 8th street to the west line of 11th street, has been filed with the Auditor and Police Judge, and numbered special assessment roll number 139, and that the committee on streets and public ways has been appointed a committee of the council to sit with the board of assessors to examine, correct and equalize the same, and that Thursday, the 13th day of December, A. D. 1906, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., in the council chambers of the city hall, has been fixed as the time and place of the meeting of said board of equalization. All objections to said assessment must be presented in writing.

OLOF ANDERSON,
Auditor and Police Judge of the city of Astoria.
Dated Astoria, Oregon, November 27, 1906. 10t

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT special assessment roll number 140 made for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of improving Bond and Sixth street crossing has been filed with the Auditor and Police Judge, and numbered special assessment roll number 140, and that the committee on streets and public ways has been appointed a committee of the council to sit with the board of assessors to examine, correct and equalize the same, and that Thursday, the 13th day of December, A. D. 1906, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., in the council chambers of the city hall, has been fixed as the time and place of the meeting of said board of equalization. All objections to said assessment must be presented in writing.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT special assessment roll number 138, made for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of improving Niagara avenue from a point 17 feet east of the west line of 8th street to the center line of 7th street has been filed with the Auditor and Police Judge and numbered special assessment roll number 138, and that the committee on streets and public ways has been appointed a committee of the council to sit with the board of assessors to examine, correct and equalize the same, and that Thursday, the 13th day of December, A. D. 1906, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., in the council chambers of the city hall, has been fixed as the time and place of the meeting of said board of equalization. All objections to said assessment must be presented in writing.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT special assessment roll number 137, made for the purpose of defraying the costs and expenses of improving Grand avenue from the west line of 11th street to the west line of 7th street has been filed with the Auditor and Police Judge, and numbered special assessment roll number 137, and that the committee on streets and public ways has been appointed a committee of the council to sit with the board of assessors to examine, correct and equalize the same, and that Thursday, the 13th day of December, A. D. 1906, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., in the council chambers of the city hall, has been fixed as the time and place of the meeting of said board of equalization. All objections to said assessment must be presented in writing.

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SUNDAY TRAVEL TO PORTLAND

Increases and \$2.50 Round Trip Rate via A. & C. R. R. is Popular.

Travel from this city to Portland on Sunday at the low round trip rate of \$2.50 is on the increase and many enjoy that day in the metropolis each week. This rate will be continued throughout the winter and the volume of travel toward Portland every Sunday would indicate that the public appreciates it. 11-8-tf

As surely as children learn to speak the language of their parents, so surely will Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea make them well and keep them well. Tea or Tablets, 35 cents. For sale by Frank Hart.

WRECK NOTICE.

British Barque "Peter Iredale." Lloyd's Agent, at Astoria, Oregon, will receive bids for the purchase of the British barque, "Peter Iredale," as she lies on Clatsop Beach, Oregon. Bids must be accompanied by certified check for 10 per cent of the whole amount of the bid on or before Dec. 3, 1906. Balance of the amount, if accepted, to be paid on or before noon of the 8th, December, 1906. Right is reserved to reject any or all bids. P. L. CHERRY, Lloyd's Agent.

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